

HONORING SOUTHLAKE POLICE
OFFICER NATE ANDERSON

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Southlake Officer Nate Anderson for his unbelievable act of generosity by going above and beyond the call of duty to assist an individual in need.

Officer Anderson was patrolling the town square late one evening in December 2011 when he came across a parked vehicle with a woman trying to fall asleep in the back seat.

The woman was in her forties, and she had moved from California to Texas hoping for better opportunities. When Officer Anderson approached her, he found her distressed and crying. She explained her plight and how her situation had left her stranded and alone.

Officer Anderson verified her story by looking at her prepared résumé. Going beyond the call of duty, he arranged for the woman to have a hot meal, a full tank of gas and a hotel room for two nights. He then gave her all his cash, totaling \$150. To ensure that she had more help, Officer Anderson put her in touch with a number of churches to assist her.

Remarkably, Officer Anderson did not speak of his actions. The event was an unknown incident until the woman contacted his superiors about his generosity. Officer Anderson's selfless actions demonstrate unbelievable charity.

I am extremely proud to represent Officer Anderson and to recognize him as a Star of the 24th.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in thanking Nate Anderson for his outstanding act of charity.

**SUPPORT OF THE BILL TO PERMIT
U.S. NATIONALS TO APPLY FOR
CITIZENSHIP FROM AMERICAN
SAMOA**

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

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Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce my introduction of a bill to allow for U.S. Nationals who are born in American Samoa, to file an application for naturalization from American Samoa. Currently, American Samoans must travel thousands of miles to Hawaii or California and live there for 3 months before they can apply for citizenship. The financial burden of traveling to the U.S. placed on U.S. Nationals in American Samoa prevents many from applying for citizenship. My bill will lift this burden and help U.S. Nationals, who by definition owe a permanent allegiance to the United States, to apply for citizenship directly from American Samoa.

My bill will also eliminate the requirements of knowledge of English and U.S. government

for U.S. Nationals. American Samoa has been a territory of the United States for over one hundred years, and has in many ways adopted parts of American culture. The education system in American Samoa is modeled after the U.S. education system and students learn both English and about the U.S. government in American Samoan schools. The requirement of English proficiency and knowledge of the U.S. government was intended for foreign nationals who applied to become U.S. citizens. It is futile to test American Samoans on their knowledge of English and the U.S. government, since they learn these subjects in American Samoan schools.

American Samoa has a per capita enlistment rate in the U.S. military that rivals any state. American Samoans have also joined the U.S. Armed Forces and fought and died for the United States during World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, the Persian Gulf wars, and most recently the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Despite, these sacrifices of American Samoans, U.S. nationals still must travel to the U.S. and wait for 3 months prior to applying for naturalization.

My bill will have a dramatic positive effect on the lives of U.S. nationals living in American Samoa by removing the hardship of traveling to the U.S. to apply for naturalization.

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit this statement in support for the bill to streamline the naturalization process for American Samoans.